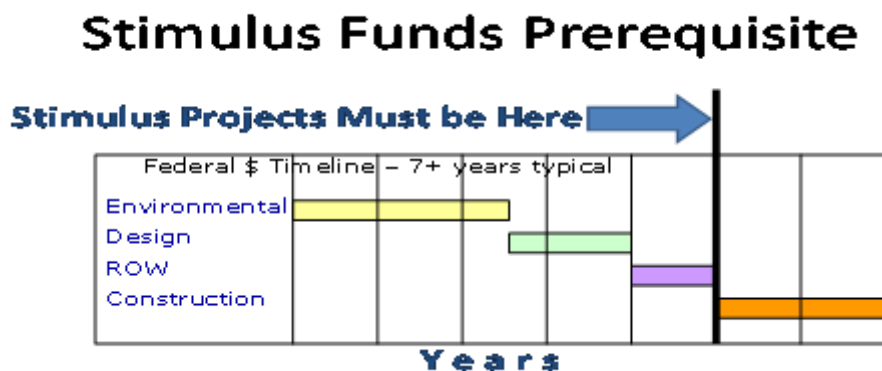


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Attached are 2 documents to help you and your constituents understand the economic stimulus bill and the funding that will flow to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:

1. A fact sheet of general information about how the economic stimulus
2. A map and list of potential surface and transit projects that meet the criteria for inclusion in the economic stimulus package

It is important to recognize this transportation funding will come to DOT&PF through our federal funding agencies. The federal rules for spending these funds must be followed. Additionally, a project must have completed the environmental, design and right-of-way acquisition phases following the federal process in order to be considered "bid ready." This greatly restricts the possible candidate projects for the federal stimulus funds and since these restrictions are established by Congress, there is no means to waive or otherwise not adhere to these requirements.



Both the surface transportation and aviation lists of potential projects includes more projects than we anticipate receiving funding for. While this can be disappointing if a project does not end up being funded, it is imperative that DOT&PF have a sufficient number of projects should any problems arise with a specific project such as permit delays. Additionally, the bill has a "use it or lose it" provision that if a state cannot use its split of those funds within a tight timetable they will be redistributed to states with projects that are ready to go. This means we must be prepared for additional funds that might come from other states by having additional projects identified and ready to proceed.

DOT&PF has created a web site at [dot.alaska.gov/econstim/](http://dot.alaska.gov/econstim/) in order to keep you and the public informed of the bill and what DOT&PF is doing in regards to the stimulus package.